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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A
PURCHASE ORDER TO COMPLETE A COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH
CLIENT PROJECT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking Board authorization for the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the Los Angeles County's (County) Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to complete the uninterrupted development of the Personal Computer Message Switch System (PCMSS) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) client project provided by Northrop Grumman (Northrop). Northrop is the sole source provider for the PCMSS project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of ISD, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 to Northrop to continue to program the PCMSS project without interruption. The PCMSS project is an essential component of the already funded Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Northrop's services are necessary to complete the programming of the PCMSS. The PCMSS provides the sole data communication link between the CAD system and the proposed MDC. The PCMSS is a required software application for the MDC project. Without a fully functioning PCMSS

application, the funded MDC project cannot proceed and will come to a stop. A significant delay in the deployment of MDCs will increase the cost of the project due to unmet contractual timelines. Additionally, the supply of the current outdated mobile communication device in patrol cars, Mobile Digital Terminal (MDT), is nearly exhausted and parts are unavailable, which necessitates the deployment of MDCs as soon as possible. The conversion to the MDCs will provide deputy personnel assigned to patrol our communities with updated communication equipment, which will allow them to ascertain vital restricted law enforcement information. Immediate access to information is necessary to keep our deputies and the public we serve safe and PCMSS is a critical component of this conversion.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 5, Public Safety, by ensuring that all Department vehicles are equipped with a secure and reliable mobile communications system that will enable our deputies to perform their duties in a more reliable and secure manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for this \$30,000 purchase order is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Based on the Department's critical needs, the original acquisition of this service was processed through the County's Purchasing Agent, who has the statutory authority to contract for services on behalf of County departments up to a \$100,000 threshold. However, based on unanticipated programming services needed to complete the project, the associated costs exceed the County's Purchasing Agent's authority, and requires Board approval to proceed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A sole source award will be made to Northrop in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policies and Procedures, established by the ISD. Northrop is the sole provider of the required services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this action will ensure that Department vehicles are upgraded to the MDCs, which are a more reliable, efficient, and secure data communications platform.

The current supply of salvaged and refurbished MDT inventories is anticipated to run out, after which, patrol deputies will be forced to forfeit access to mission-critical data. This will severely impact our deputies' ability to perform their day-to-day duties. Further delays will result in additional overtime that will be incrementally incurred as we move to the less efficient "radio" and "paper log" system.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return three adopted copies of this Board letter to the Department's Contracts Unit.

Sincerely,



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